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From: Dylan Kellogg, MD, STREMAC Chair

To: All Southern Tier EMS Agencies

Re: Cardiac Arrest Standards of Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Most of you are likely aware of the “Cardiac Arrest Standard of Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic” guidance document released by the state on April 17, 2020 and many have contacted me with questions and concerns. Chief among these is “are we supposed to follow this standard in our region?”

The state has not released clear guidance on whether all providers across the state are supposed to be following this or not. Because of this, effective immediately, this “crisis standard of care” is **NOT** to be followed in the Southern Tier Region. All providers should follow the NYS Collaborative Protocol for resuscitation (and termination of resuscitation) until informed otherwise.

The STREMAC will review this policy and act on it for our region in the coming days. Again, to be clear, until you hear definitively from me, or we receive clear guidance from the state, the guidance document released by BEMS on April 17, is **NOT** in effect in the Southern Tier.

Please remember, with cardiac arrest patients (as with all other patients), to make sure all providers are using appropriate PPE, and that the minimum number of providers necessary are involved in patient care. Please observe proper donning and doffing guidelines AND document thoroughly all providers involved in patient contact (within 6 feet) and ALL forms of PPE.

As always, thank you for your incredible work, and please feel free to contact me with any questions.